SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION: MIDDLESEX COUNTY

#### **ASBESTOS LITIGATION**

**Docket No:** L-4806-17 (AS)

LOUIS & BARBARA DeFEO.

Plaintiff(s),

VS.

3M COMPANY, et al.

Defendant(s).

**Civil Action** 

**CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER IV** 

This matter coming in for a Case Management Conference before Special Master Agatha N. Dzikiewicz and the following parties on *June 19*, 2018:

| FIRM              | ATTORNEY            | CLIENT  |
|-------------------|---------------------|---|
| Levy Konigsberg   | Amber Long          | Plaintiff(s)                                  |
| Drinker Biddle    | Shane O'Connell     | Johnson & Johnson; Johnson & Johnson Consumer |
| Hoagland Longo    | Amie Kalac          | Whttaker Clark & Daniels                      |
| Kent & McBride    | Matthew Forys       | Mine Safety Appliance; Charles Wagner         |
| O'Toole Scrivo    | Glenn Chew          | Vanderbilt Minerals                           |
|                   | Joshua Lichtenstein |   |
| Rawle & Henderson | Paul Smyth          | Cyprus Amax Minerals; Imerys Talc America     |

IT IS on this **20**<sup>th</sup> day of **June**, **2018**, effective from the conference date;

#### ORDERED as follows:

Counsel receiving this Order through computerized electronic medium (E-Mail) shall be deemed by the court to have received a copy of the filed original court document. Any document served pursuant to this Order shall be deemed to be served by mail pursuant to *R*.1:5-2.

# DISCOVERY

August 10, 2018 Deposition of corporate representative of Mine Safety Appliance shall be conducted by this date.

### **EARLY SETTLEMENT**

September 7, 2018 Settlement demands shall be served on all counsel and the Special Master by this date.

# **SUMMARY JUDGMENT MOTION PRACTICE**

| August 3, 2018 | Summary judgment motions shall be filed no later than this date by Mine Safety Appliance |
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|                | and Vanderbilt Mineral.  |

August 31, 2018 Last return date for summary judgment motions filed by Mine Safety Appliance and

Vanderbilt Mineral

### MEDICAL DEFENSE

October 15 2018 Plaintiff shall serve medical expert reports by this date.

November 30, 2018 Defendants shall identify its medical experts and serve medical reports, if any, by this date. In

addition, defendants shall notify plaintiff's counsel (as well as all counsel of record) of a

joinder in an expert medical defense by this date.

### LIABILITY EXPERT REPORTS

October 15, 2018 Plaintiff shall identify its liability experts and serve liability expert reports or a certified expert

statement by this date or waive any opportunity to rely on liability expert testimony.

November 30, 2018 Defendants shall identify its liability experts and serve liability expert reports, if any, by this

date or waive any opportunity to rely on liability expert testimony.

# **ECONOMIST EXPERT REPORTS**

October 15, 2018 Plaintiff shall identify its expert economists and serve expert economist report(s), if any, by

this date or waive any opportunity to rely on economic expert testimony.

November 30, 2018 Defendants shall identify its expert economists and serve expert economist report(s), if any,

by this date or waive any opportunity to rely on economic expert testimony.

## **EXPERT DEPOSITIONS**

December 31, 2018 Expert depositions shall be completed by this date. To the extent that plaintiff and defendant

generic experts have been deposed before, the parties seeking that deposition in this case must file an application before the Special Master and demonstrate the necessity for that deposition. To the extent possible, documents requested in a deposition notice directed to an expert shall be produced three days in advance of the expert deposition. The expert shall not be required

to produce documents that are readily accessible in the public domain.

### PRE-TRIAL AND TRIAL

August 8, 2018 The settlement conference previously scheduled on this date is **cancelled**.

December 13, 2018 @ 1:30pm Settlement conference. All defense counsel shall appear with authority to negotiate

settlement and have a representative authorized to negotiate settlement available by phone. Any request to be excused from the settlement conference shall be made to the

Special Master no later than 4:00pm of the day prior to the conference.

January 22, 2019 Pretrial Information Exchange submissions due.

January 28, 2019 Trial-Ready Date. (The September 17, 2018 trial is adjourned to this date.)

Plaintiff(s) counsel shall serve a copy of this Order upon any additional counsel immediately upon receipt.

/s/ Ana C. Víscomí ANA C. VISCOMI, J.S.C.

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